# OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM FISCAL YEAR 2011

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Please complete the entire form. All fields are required.
- 2. Please do not **bold**, <u>underline</u>, or *italicize* responses.
- 3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
- 4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to: **Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov**
- 5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
- 6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday**, **February 26**, **2010**.
- 7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

#### **Project Details**

- 1. Project title: Financial And Elder Abuse Prosecution Project
- 2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office 1021 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Room 600

Portland, Oregon 97204

- 3. Contact information
  - a. **Project's primary contact:** Scott Marcy
  - b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number: 503-988-3863
  - c. Email Address: scott.marcy@mcda.us
  - **d. Project location** (if different than organization's address): to protect Elders throughout Multnomah County
- 4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.

Multnomah County is a public entity that provides local government services to the general public. The District Attorney's Office provides prosecution services, amongst others.

- 5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity? Multnomah County is a public entity.
- 6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific -e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)? Commerce, Justice and Science: Department of Justice Byrne Account

## **7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested** (no more than 500 words).

The Multnomah County Elder Abuse Project approach would include new funding for development or expansion of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) and the Gatekeeper Programs. FAST brings together professionals from a number of disciplines to focus or specifically target cases involving financial fraud and abuse of elder citizens. The proposal would add a FAST Coordinator position to help direct and focus the efforts of the team. It would also purchase needed Neuropsychologist, Forensic account and a forensic nurse services and incorporate additional prosecution and investigations capacity. The Gatekeeper model is a national best practice program that identifies at-risk older adults and people with disabilities living in our community and links them to critical social and health services. Gatekeepers are not mandatory reporters. Rather, they are nontraditional referral sources such as meter readers, bank tellers and letter carriers who come into contact with older adults through their everyday work activities. Gatekeepers are trained to identify signs and symptoms that may indicate vulnerable adults needing assistance. Both the FAST program and Gatekeeper programs are based in best practices and take a multidisciplinary approach to identifying, preventing and prosecuting abuse perpetrated on elder citizens.

## 8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project provides a multi-disciplinary structure and additional targeted expert resources to allow Multnomah County to provide greater projection for some of its more vulnerable citizens. The benefits to Multnomah County are as follows:

- Specialization in responding to financial abuse
- Members from both public and private sector working together to help bring justice
- Provides both trainings and consultations
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among agencies.
- Support and validate case workers
- Increase knowledge of community resources
- Increase technical knowledge on criminal activities
- Wider range of alternative solutions
- Short and long-term intervention strategies
- Better interagency coordination, communication and cooperation
- Networking and "door opening" between professionals
- Mutually beneficial working relationships developed among pros and organizations
- Identification of and response to service gaps and systems breakdowns (e.g., APS/hospital, APS "out-stationed" workers)
- Identification of and response to legislative and policy issues
- Strengthened/enhanced ability of community to serve victims of financial abuse
- Better information for prosecution.

#### 9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes

### 9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

FY09 CJS – DOJ. OJP: Byrne \$275.000 FY08 CJS – DOJ, OJP: Byrne \$44,717

#### **Funding Details**

**10.** Amount requested for this project: \$556,000

#### 11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

#### **Prosecution and Investigation**

District Attorney Office- Deputy District Attorney	\$132,275
Sheriff's Office- Financial Investigations Specialist	\$120,750
<u>FAST</u>	
Department of County Human Services-	
FAST Coordinator	\$75,000
Contract Services	\$199,318
Gatekeeper	

Department of County Human Services-	
Volunteers Coordinator	\$67,546
Recruitment and Training of volunteer Gatekeepers and trainers	\$100,000
Materials and Services	\$111.00
Total project cost	\$695,000

- 12. What is the total cost of the project? \$695,000
- 13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be **able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?** Yes it is scalable, the program will be able to use any funds appropriated.
- 14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

Other local organizations provide an in–kind support to aid in the protection of the elderly and in the prosecution of perpetrators of abuse. Those agencies include: Department of County Human Services/Aging Disability/Developmental Disabilities/Adult Protective Services/Mental Health, Portland Police Bureau, Elders in Action, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Multnomah County Legal Aid, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Department of Community Justice, State Courts, Smith & Smith Attorneys' at Law, Cartwright & Associates Attorneys' at law.

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, Elders in Action, Legal Aid Services of Oregon

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